

MINUTES OF THE MINING OVERSIGHT / LOCAL IMPACT COMMITTEE
MEETING # 2-2010

DATE: February 11, 2010

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Rudolph; Committee Members Gary Baier; Larry Greschner; David Hintz; Peter Wolk; Forest Director John Bilogan; Forestry Office Secretary Cindy Eckardt; Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond; Planning Manager Steve Osterman; Planning & Zoning Director Karl Jennrich; Tom Evans, Geologist, UW—Extension.

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry & Jo Ann Slayton; Kriste Strasburg.

ABSENT: David Schlätzley, Ex Officio

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chair Rudolph at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Hintz, seconded by Wolk, to approve the February 11, 2010 agenda, with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2010 MEETING—It was moved by Greschner, seconded by Wolk, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—None.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FUNDS FROM COUNTY'S CONTINGENCY FUND FOR GENERAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING LEGAL SERVICES—Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond prepared a resolution for the Committee to review, revise, and forward to the County Clerk's Office for inclusion in the County Board's February 16, 2010 resolutions. Amounts for general expenses, including legal services, were discussed. It was moved by Greschner, seconded by Wolk, to request \$13,000.00 (line 15 of resolution) from the County's Contingency Fund, with \$10,000.00 (line 21 of resolution) being recommended to transfer to the Mining Budget's Legal Fees line item, and \$3,000.00 (line 22 of resolution) being recommended to transfer to the Mining Budget's Other Expenses & Supplies line item. Motion carried.

LETTER TO GOV. DOYLE TO RECONSTITUTE THE INVESTMENT & LOCAL IMPACT FUND BOARD—On January 28, 2010 Chair Rudolph sent a letter to Gov. Doyle (a copy of which was distributed to the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee) requesting that Gov. Doyle reconstitute the Investment & Local Impact Fund Board. To date, Chair Rudolph had not received a reply. If Chair Rudolph doesn't receive a reply in the near future, he will follow-up contact Gov. Doyle.

TIME LINE DEVELOPMENT--TOM EVANS, GEOLOGIST, UW—EXTENSION, distributed a draft time line activity with reference to Tamerlane Ventures Proposal for the deposit in the Town of Lynne, a copy of which has been attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Greschner inquired "What's in it for Oneida County?". Evans listed some pros (such as accessibility; job creation / economic impact to local citizens; citizen supports; interest in Oneida County and income from development. Cons to the issue included the long length of consuming; environmental and other impacts; citizen opposition and cost. Baier stated that there is a general negativity amongst taxpayers and with DNR involvement. Greschner was concerned about the dollar value benefit. Hintz noted that it's too early in the process to make decision for costs and benefits. Bilogan inquired if it would be credible to spend two billion dollars to create ore worth three billion dollars. Rudolph felt that the Committee should take one step at a time.

UPDATE ON LAKE BED DELINEATION—Bilogan stated that he had contacted Tom Jerow, DNR Water Team Leader, and Mr. Jerow's update would be forthcoming (week of February 15, 2010). Hintz inquired if the County has the legal right to mine. Evans stated that first the OHWM has to be re-established, followed by an on site inspection in the spring or summer. There is also the question of who is responsible for the delineation—the County or the State; if the County or the State is responsible for paying for the delineation. Evans stated that the County makes the call, and the State can challenge the call. It was decided to invite Tom Jerow to the next meeting, which is scheduled for March 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

REVIEW ONEIDA COUNTY ZONING CHAPTER 9.61--Steve Osterman, Planning Manager, described the exploration portion, and process, of Chapter 9.61. It will take many hours to review the entire chapter.

UPDATE ON RUSK COUNTY MINE SITE TOUR—Bilogan stated that he had a discussion with Mr. Christiansen of Ladysmith and that Mr. Christiansen would be willing to host a meeting in Rusk County. Some dates for the meeting were discussed: May 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14. Bilogan will check with Mr. Christiansen as to which of those dates would work the best for him. It was also suggested to invite State Representatives (Holperin, Friske, Meyer) to the meeting as well. The Committee decided that the regular mining meeting would be May 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

SELECT DATE OF NEXT MEETING—**March 11**, 2010 at **1:00 p.m.** was selected as the next meeting date. Chair Rudolph stated that he would not be able to attend the March 11th meeting, and nominated Dave Hintz for Vice Chair. It was moved by

Rudolph, seconded by Greschner, to nominated Hintz for Vice Chair. Voice Vote: Rudolph aye; Greschner aye; Hintz aye; Wolk aye; Baier abstained. Motion carried. Baier challenged that this nomination was not on the agenda. Rudolph said he had checked with Corporation Counsel and was told it would be O.K.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS—Ratify / Elect Vice Chair; Next step in process / time line update review; response update (if any) from Governor Doyle; Rusk County Flambeau Mine Tour Dates Update; Update on OHWM delineation determination; Chapter 9.61 Review; overview of WDNR mining regulations. After April election results, invite Phil Fable to meeting in May or June; Tom Evans Special Report 13 overview.

ADJOURN—With business completed, it was moved by Wolk, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

TOM RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY